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§10–309.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Waterfowl hunting guide” means an individual who:
 - (i) Is an employee of a waterfowl outfitter; and
 - (ii) Furnishes personal guiding services in assisting individuals to hunt wild waterfowl.
- (3) (i) “Waterfowl outfitter” means an individual who receives monetary consideration for the outfitting or guiding of hunters to hunt wild waterfowl.
 - (ii) A “waterfowl outfitter” may be:
 - 1. Self-employed; or
 - 2. An officer of a corporation or partner in a partnership that operates a commercial service that outfits or guides hunters to hunt wild waterfowl.
 - (iii) “Waterfowl outfitter” does not include a waterfowl hunting guide, agent, employee, or helper of a waterfowl outfitter.
- (b) Except as provided in § 10–309.1 of this subtitle, an individual must be licensed by the Department as a waterfowl outfitter or a waterfowl guide before the individual may receive monetary consideration for outfitting or guiding a hunter to hunt wild waterfowl.
- (c) The Department shall adopt regulations that include:
 - (1) Minimum qualifications to obtain a waterfowl outfitter and waterfowl hunting guide license and other application requirements;
 - (2) Procedures for the review of applications;
 - (3) Criteria for the issuance and denial of licenses;

- (4) Grounds for license suspension and revocation;
 - (5) Standards for the conduct of waterfowl outfitters and waterfowl hunting guides; and
 - (6) Any other provisions the Department finds necessary to regulate waterfowl outfitters and waterfowl hunting guides.
- (d) (1) The fees for licenses are as follows:
- (i) Waterfowl outfitter \$300
 - (ii) Waterfowl hunting guide \$50
- (2) The term of a waterfowl outfitter license and a waterfowl hunting guide license is 1 year from August 1 through July 31 of each year.
- (e) The Department may suspend or revoke a waterfowl outfitter license of an individual based on a conviction for a violation by a waterfowl hunting guide committed while the waterfowl hunting guide was employed by the waterfowl outfitter.

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